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# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. 3369W  
 First Inventor Wesley A. Bainter  
 Title Trencher  
 Express Mail Label No. ER 123231671 US

## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 30]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
  - Descriptive title of the invention
  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 5]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages ]
  - a. ☒ Newly executed (original or copy)  
Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))
  - b. ☐ (for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
    - i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☒ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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  - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
    - i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
    - ii. ☐ paper
  - c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☒ Power of Attorney  
(when there is an assignee)
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
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15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
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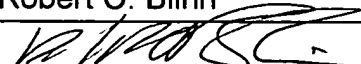
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☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: 10/147,834  
 Prior application information: Examiner Thomas A. Beach Group Art Unit: 3671

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# FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2003

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Attorney Docket No.	3369W

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		1003	520	2003 260 Plant filing fee	
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Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
4	-20** = 0	42	0
3	-3** = 0	9	0
Multiple Dependent	0	0	0

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		1201	84	2201 42 Independent claims in excess of 3	
		1203	280	2203 140 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
		1204	84	2204 42 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
		1205	18	2205 9 ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	

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		1053	130	1053 130 Non-English specification	
		1812	2,520	1812 2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
		1804	920*	1804 920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
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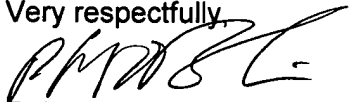
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